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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON QUANG NGAI ON 1 FEBRUARY

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1. BY THE EVENING OF 30 JANUARY ALL INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE VIET CONG (VC) WERE IN THE PROCESS OF A BUILDUP WITH THE INTENTION OF ATTACKING QUANG NGAI CITY. DIVERSIFIED TARGETS WERE CITED, BUT MOST GAVE THE CITY AS THE MAIN TARGET. WHILE SUCH REPORTS ORIGINATED IN THE OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE/AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THEY QUICKLY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE CITY. ACTIVITY IN THE CITY CONTINUED NORMAL, HOWEVER, FOR THE PRE-TET (CHINESE NEW YEAR ON 30 JANUARY) PERIOD. ON 31 JANUARY, AFTER THE INITIATION OF THE VC ATTACK ON THE NIGHT OF 30 JANUARY, THERE WAS REDUCED "NORMAL" ACTIVITY, BUT THERE

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WAS CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE ABOUT THE CITY. THOSE MOVING APPEARED TO BE GOING FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER, PROBABLY TO GATHER WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES FOR COMFORT AND SECURITY. NO MOVEMENTS APPEARED AIMLESS.

2. ON 1 FEBRUARY ACTIVITY AND MOVEMENT IN QUANG NGAI CITY APPEARED NORMAL. SHOPS WERE OPEN AND MANY CURIOSITY SEEKERS WERE MOVING ABOUT THE CITY TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON AND VIEWING THE VC BODIES AND DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE MILITARY ACTION OF THE PAST TWO NIGHTS.

3. ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM MACV G-2, I CORPS HEADQUARTERS, TWO UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY BATTALIONS WERE MOVING TOWARD QUANG NGAI CITY FROM THE WEST AT APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS ON 1 FEBRUARY. THEY WERE UNDER HEAVY HARASSMENT AND INTERDICTION FIRE.

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